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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: MASS, TU  
SUBJ: TRANSFER UNDER FMS CASE OF ADMIRAL'S BARGE

REF: (A) CINCUSNAVEUR 231534Z NOV 77 (NOTAL), (B) CNO  
300030Z DEC 77 (NOTAL), (C) CINCUSNAVEUR 301720Z DEC 77  
(NOTAL, (D) CJUSMMAT/NAS 231110Z JAN 78 (NOTAL),  
(E) CNO 101915Z FEB 78 (NOTAL), (F) JUSMMAT/NAS 070404Z  
APR 78 (NOTAL), (G) JUSMMAT/NAS 261011Z APR 78 (NOTAL)  
(H) SECDEF 032316Z MAY 78 (NOTAL

1. BACKGROUND SUMMARY: REFS A, B, C, AND D EXAMINED  
OPTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF JUSMMAT NAVY SECTION ADMIRAL'S  
BARGE. REF E PROVIDED P&A OF \$8,240.00 FOR PURCHASE  
UNDER FMS (PLANNING) CASE TK-SBO-P8. REF F ACCEPTED P&A  
DATA FOR TURKISH NAVY. REF G REQUESTED LETTER OF OFFER  
(LOA) UNDER ANTICIPATED NEW LINE IN FY 78 PRESIDENTIAL  
DETERMINATION (PD). REF H REGRETTED INABILITY TO  
CHANGE FY 78 PD FOR TURKEY AND ADVISED THAT PURCHASE NOT  
FEASIBLE UNTIL FY 79. END BACKGROUND SUMMARY.

2. THE GENERIC CATEGORY OF THE ADMIRAL'S BARGE IS C5N.  
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ONLY THE SECOND AND THIRD DIGITS OF THE CODE PERTAIN;  
5-AUXILIARIES AND CRAFTS - FEDERAL STOCK GROUP 19; N. -  
RESCUE BOAT (AVR) (REF MASM PART III, APPENDIX A-20, AND  
NASL JUNE 20, 1977, PAGE 21). THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME  
CONFUSION CONCERNING THE DESCRIPTION OF AND POTENTIAL END  
USE FOR THIS BOAT. DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:  
ADMIRAL'S BARGE, 63 FEET BY 15 FEET 3 INCHES (AVR) (CON-

VERTED AVIATION RESCUE BOAT), HULL NO. (C3005). HULL MATERIAL - WOOD. RECEIVED IN-COUNTRY - DECEMBER 1969, DATE CONSTRUCTED - MARCH 1957. SPEED (CLEAN HULL) 24 KNOTS. TURKISH NAVY INTENDED END USE - ADMIRAL'S BARGE.

3. TURKISH NAVY BLANKET OPEN END (BOE) CASE UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR FY 78, SIMILAR TO FY 77 CASE TK-RAG-P7, APPEARS SUITABLE FOR USE TO TRANSFER THE ADMIRAL'S BARGE IN THAT THIS CASE IS TO BE USED FOR END ITEMS, COMPONENTS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL WHICH ARE NOT "SIGNIFICANT ITEMS OF COMBAT EQUIPMENT" (FORMERLY MAJOR DEFENSE ARTICLES.). THE MASM APPENDIX C - CATEGORY VI LIST OF VESSELS OF WAR AND SPECIAL NAVAL EQUIPMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN A REFERENCE TO THIS OR SIMILAR CLASS OF BOAT AS AN ARTICLE OF MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE, TURKISH NAVY WAS PROVIDED P&B DATA WHICH INDICATED FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASE THROUGH A BOE CASE, AND HOT SHIP TRANSFER, OF A SALVAGE SHIP (ARS) OF 2,000 TONS. THIS SHIP, ALSO OVER 20 YEARS IN AGE, WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AS INDICATED IN REF E.

4. ASIDE FROM THE TURKISH NAVY'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE THE ADMIRAL'S BARGE DURING FY 78, U.S. NAVY'S CONCERN IS THAT INCREASED CUSTODY AND MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS PRECLUDE WAITING UNTIL SUMMER 1979 TO COMPLETE THE SALE. IN OCTOBER 1977, CONFIDENTIAL

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JUSMMAT PERSONNEL CUTS ELIMINATED THE LOCAL-HIRE BOAT ENGINEER WHO PERFORMED THE MAJORITY OF MECHANICAL UPKEEP. ADDITIONALLY, THE BOAT IS ONE YEAR OVERDUE FOR REMOVAL FROM WATER FOR HULL/PROPULSION MAINTENANCE/ UPKEEP. FAILURE TO HOIST THIS WOODEN BOAT UNTIL LATE IN FY 1979 WOULD CAUSE IRREVERSIBLE HULL DETERIORATION. AVAILABLE SPARES WOULD BE REQUISITIONED BY TURKISH NAVY THROUGH DRP CASE IF SALE APPROVED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN CONSIDERATION OF THE DATA PROVIDED ABOVE AND PREVIOUS MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION ASAP THAT THE ADMIRAL'S BARGE CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO TURKISH NAVY UNDER FY 78 BOE CASE ON "AS IS/WHERE IS" BASIS. WE FULLY REALIZE THAT USG MAY NOT WISH TO NOTIFY CONGRESS OF SHIP TRANSFER (INCLUDING SALVAGE SHIP NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE) IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE EMBARGO. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH PAPERWORK NOW AND EXPLAIN TO THE TURKISH NAVY THAT NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER TO CONGRESS WOULD BE MADE AFTER CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON EMBARGO LEGISLATION. SPIERS

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